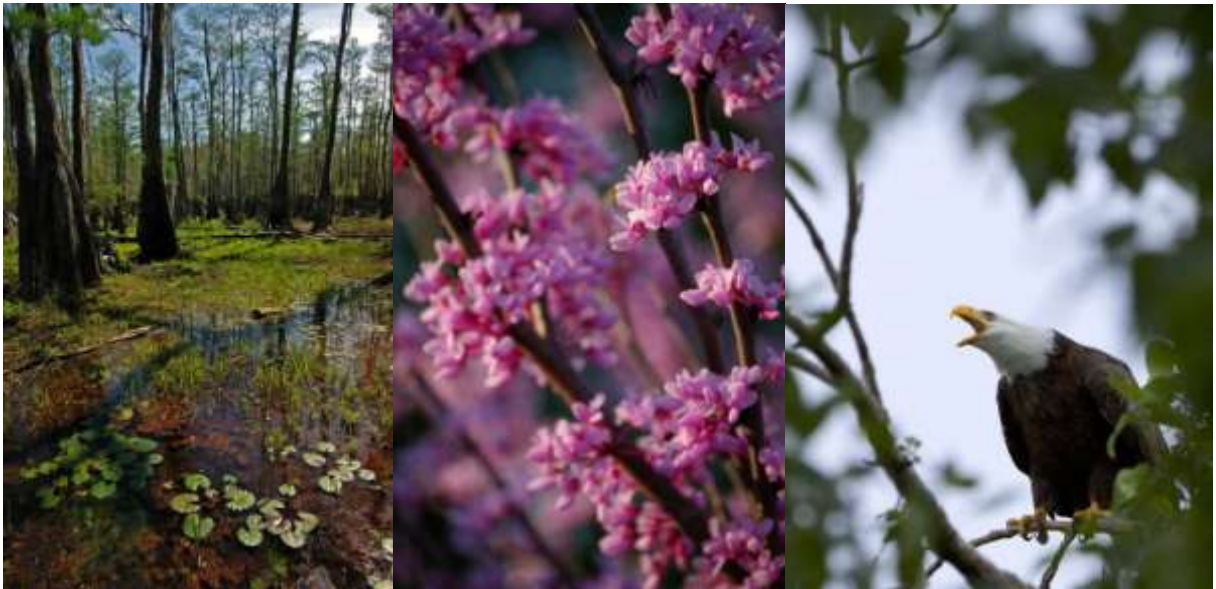# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces

"EyeOnNature"

Photography and Digital Art Contest in Celebration of Endangered Species Day!

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PANAMA CITY, FL – The Panama City Field Office is celebrating the panhandle's natural resources by hosting its first-ever "EyeOnNature" photography and digital art contest! High School and Middle School students in Bay County, Florida are invited to pull out their cameras, turn on their computers and submit their best nature photographs and digital nature art.

The contest will feature four categories: **1) Digital Art 2) Habitat/Landscape 3) People in Nature 4) Wildlife or Plants**

Judges will award first through third place winners in each category, plus, an overall Grand Prize winner. The Grand Prize winner will receive a $300.00 Amazon gift card. First place winners in each category will receive a $50.00 Amazon gift card. All winners will receive a ribbon and a framed copy of their winning image. All honorable mentions will receive a certificate. Winning images will be placed on display for public viewing and on the Panama City Field Office website. Students can enter up to five images. For complete contest rules and regulations, go to our website at http://www.fws.gov/panamacity/resources/eyeonnaturecontestrules.pdf.

All submissions will be posted daily on our Facebook page. "Like" our page and join the conversation about your favorite photographs! http://www.facebook.com/usfwspanamacity.

Submit photos via email at pcphotocontest@fws.gov. **The deadline for submissions is Endangered Species Day, May 18, 2012.**

"We want kids to know how important it is to take care of our plants and wildlife. If we work together, we can protect our precious resources, and keep them off the Endangered Species List," explained Project Lead Dr. Donald Imm. *"What better way to celebrate wildlife than by capturing images of nature in the Florida panhandle?"*

For more information, please visit http://www.fws.gov/panamacity/eyeonnature.html.